

ADDENDUM

SEPA File No. 02-091300

Description of the original proposal:

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing a landscape plan for approximately 15,700 acres of forested state trust lands in the Lake Whatcom Planning Area.

Description of the addendum: DNR amends the following items in the original Lake Whatcom Landscape Plan DEIS issued September 8, 2003 as indicated:

ITEM 1:

Appendix C: The final text version of Engrossed Second Substitute Bill 6731 (E2SSB 6731), as codified in 2000 Washington Laws Chapter 205, is substituted for the version of the bill included in the DEIS. See Attachment A.

ITEM 2:

On the third page of the Summary section of the DEIS, under Mitigation Measures and Their Effectiveness, the second bullet concerning water quality mitigation measures, which reads

“Provide forested buffers on each side of streams averaging 160 feet wide on fish bearing streams, 100 feet wide on perennial streams and 33 feet wide on seasonal streams.”

Shall be amended to read:

“Provide forested buffers on each side of streams averaging 160 feet wide on fish bearing streams, 100 feet wide on Type 4 streams and 33 feet wide on Type 5 streams.”

ITEM 3:

DEIS Appendix D: Stand Development Modeling for Lake Whatcom, pages 14-17. Additional information is provided:

The following table identifies the stand development stages represented by the abbreviations shown with stand modeling charts for each of the DEIS alternatives (Appendix D, pages 15-17). It also shows how these stand development stage categories correspond to the categories developed more recently for DNR's ongoing Sustainable Harvest Calculation work. Because the more recent Sustainable Harvest Calculation work was based on yield tables not available for the earlier Lake Whatcom modeling, the initial modeling runs for Lake Whatcom do not indicate the presence of the more complex stages of forest and ecological development (niche diversification, fully functional, and old natural forests). The newer yield tables use different criteria (such as for stand diameter) to describe stand structure and ecological development.

Actual future on-the-ground conditions may vary from modeling projections.

Stand Development Stages (Lake Whatcom modeling)		Stand Development Classes as summarized for presentations on Sustainable Harvest Calculation	
EIS	Ecosystem Initiation	EIS	Ecosystem Initiation
SES	Sapling Exclusion	CE	Competitive Exclusion
PES	Pole Exclusion		
URS	Understory Reinitiation		
LTS	Large Tree Exclusion	UD	Understory Development
DUS	Developed Understory	BDS	Botanically Diverse
BDS	Botanically Diverse		
NDS	Niche Diversification		
FFS	Fully Functional	FFS	Fully Functional
ONF	Old Natural Forests	ONF	Old Natural Forest

Description of existing environmental document:

The Lake Whatcom Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released on September 8, 2003.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Lead Agency:

DNR is the lead agency.

This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WAC 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. It has been determined that this new information does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental document.

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